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Dennis and Bill, hopefully your travel to D.C. went well. Here are a few things that have come up since your departure.—Cindy, x. 1815

- Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on EPA FY 14 budget, with appearance by Bob Perciasepe, has been postponed, with no date given. House Appropriations budget hearings with Congressman Simpson's subcommittee are finished.
- Congressman Denny Heck meeting has been moved up to 10:15 am on Wednesday, June 12. **See attached revised schedule**, with updates in red. Also, his office wants to ensure that you know that the Congressman co-founded the Congressional Puget Sound Recovery Caucus with Congressman Derek Kilmer, so Congressman Heck's Legislative Assistant Jennifer Cash sent the attached letter and press release and a link to a *Seattle Times* article: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/opinionnw/2013/06/10/rep-heck-and-kilmer-put-puget-sound-cleanup-before-congress/?syndication=rss>

- Senator Mike Crapo meeting on Wednesday, June 12, will also include Legislative Assistant Peter Stegner, who can be reached at 202-224-1558 on the day of the meeting.
- For Congressman Simpson and Senator Crapo meetings—FMC UAO was signed and we expect to inform congressional offices and then media Tuesday morning.
- Offshore fish processing information from HQ has been slightly revised:

Question: Will EPA agree to work with the offshore catcher processor sector to produce a more workable standard, and if necessary, suspend the current 0.5 inch or smaller in any dimension grind standard?

Answer: Yes, EPA is prepared to work with the offshore catcher processor industry on this important issue. We have advised industry representatives of our willingness to work with them during meetings on this concern. As we have discussed, if offshore catcher processors would like to pursue a change in the effluent limitation guideline (ELG), we urge them to engage in the Effluent Guidelines Planning process. EPA may not change an ELG requirement through a letter or a permit. Any change to the Permit or any subsequent permits requires a change to the national ELG.

EPA expects to publish for public notice and comment the next iteration of its proposed ELG Plan in the Federal Register shortly, and EPA encourages offshore catcher processors to submit comments to that plan.

More information on the Effluent Guidelines Planning Process can be found at:

<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/304m/>

